



KIDSNET UPDATE

RHODE ISLAND'S INTEGRATED CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM

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TESTIMONIAL

"KIDSNET greatly helps us assist our families we see through the lead center."

June Tourangeau, LPN, AE-C



CHILD OUTREACH SCREENING DATA

Rhode Island school districts strive to provide developmental screening (hearing, vision, social/emotional, speech/language, and general development) to all three to five-year-old children living in their district. Referrals to special education or other services are then made, if indicated, to address concerns prior to kindergarten. The 2015-16 school year was the first year Child Outreach data were collected in KIDSNET. During that year, 38.3% of three to five-year-old children in the state not enrolled in kindergarten received Child Outreach screening. Screening levels ranged from 25.3% to 68.4% across districts. Even among core cities (Central Falls, Providence, Pawtucket, Newport, West Warwick, and Woonsocket), there was a wide range, with 27.2% being screened in one city and 51.9% in another. Screening rates, on average, were lowest for three-year-olds (16.3%) and highest for five-year-olds (54.94%). Note: Screening rates are likely slightly higher, as KIDSNET is not always notified when children move out-of-state. Nevertheless, districts can use these data to monitor and improve Child Outreach screening rates. KIDSNET encourages all users to notify us promptly with address updates so that Child Outreach and other programs' staff always have the most accurate information.

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM UPDATES

• Exemption Certificates

Students and children in child care (day care) and pre-kindergarten facilities can be exempted from required immunizations for religious, medical, or temporary reasons. Religious, medical, and temporary exemption certificates can now be found at: <http://www.health.ri.gov/immunization/for/schools/> under "Exemptions". Before, they were located on the Immunization Program's "Publications" page.

• Flu Clinics

The 2017 school-located influenza clinic schedule is now up at <http://health.ri.gov/flu> (Spanish <http://health.ri.gov/gripe>). Over 100 evening clinics are open to anyone ages 3 and older.

• Regulations for Immunization and Communicable Disease Testing in Preschool, School, Colleges, or Universities (216-RICR-30-05-3)

The format of the regulations has changed. However, language and all content remains the same.

<http://sos.ri.gov/documents/archives/regdocs/released/pdf/DOH/8677.pdf>



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EARLY INTERVENTION ENROLLMENT

The state Early Intervention (EI) Program continually sends enrollment data to KIDSNET. Doing so allows KIDSNET users to check on the enrollment status of children they have referred, and provides EI contact information for care coordination. To comply with federal law, EI must get signed consent from parents before sending enrollment data to KIDSNET. Approximately 10% of families do not consent to sharing EI data in KIDSNET. Thus, a child with no EI data reflected in KIDSNET might actually be enrolled in EI. When in doubt, check with the child's family regarding EI participation.

RI HANDS AND VOICES CHAPTER

Parents of children who are deaf and hard of hearing, in collaboration with professionals in RI, are on a mission...

They are forming a Rhode Island Chapter of Hands & Voices (H&V) and invite you to help share this opportunity with families, parents, and caregivers of newborns and infants who are deaf or hard of hearing!

Hands & Voices is a non-profit, parent-driven organization dedicated to supporting families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. H&V is non-biased about communication methodologies and believes that families can make the best choices for their child if they have access to good information and support. H&V membership includes families who communicate manually and/or orally. From American Sign Language to cochlear implants, the organization represents people using all different communication approaches and who have varying experiences with deafness or hearing loss.

Every parent wants the best for their child and believes passionately in what they are doing; therefore, they become strong advocates for their own and other's children. This perspective keeps H&V child- and family-focused, an essential value for a parent-driven organization. Please share the opportunity to join the RI Hands and Voices chapter with families. For more information, contact rihandsvoices@gmail.com or call 401-222-6146. Visit the national Hands and Voices website to learn about the benefits of being a H&V chapter member, and access free resources for families of children deaf and hard of hearing and the professionals serving them: <http://handsandvoices.org/index.htm>

Reminder: Healthcare providers who have questions about a patient's newborn hearing screening results or would like confirmation of a hearing loss diagnosis can visit the KIDSNET Hearing Assessment page for newborn hearing screening and diagnostic testing results.

MEANINGFUL USE - IMMUNIZATION OBJECTIVE AND KIDSNET

KIDSNET is in the process of preparing for Stage 3 of Meaningful Use (MU) and will have increased capacity by January 1, 2018. However, HL7 immunization submissions and queries will remain limited to individuals under the age of 19.

- On June 27, 2017 KIDSNET posted its intention to conform to the CDC HL7 2.5.1 Immunization Implementation Guide for Immunization Messaging, Release 1.5 and addendum by January 1, 2018. This includes supporting Query / Response, Acknowledgement messaging, and the receipt of National Drug Codes (NDC) for newly-administered immunizations. Please take note that Rhode Island will continue to require the inclusion of CVX codes.
- NDC codes and Query response are newly required for MU Stage 3. These features were not previously available in KIDSNET and will require registration to test with the registry.
- Electronic submission of both current and historical immunization data transactions will be required as a threshold for taking part in any testing process.
- Please complete and submit a Registration of Intent in advance to indicate your desire to begin testing. Submit to Jeff Goggin, Jeff.Goggin@health.ri.gov
- Additional information about KIDSNET and the Meaningful Use – Immunization Objective can be found on the Rhode Island Department of Health website under KIDSNET and About tab on the upper left.

HL7 2.5.1: Test messages are accepted following submission of a Registration of Intent, the provision of identifiers for testing, and the invitation to test. Please contact Jeff Goggin, Jeff.Goggin@health.ri.gov for Rhode Island specifics.

For audit purposes, Medicaid and Medicare representatives often reach out to KIDSNET to confirm aspects of a hospital's or provider's Meaningful Use attestation. Two items are important for this confirmation process:

- 1) A Registration of Intent for Meaningful Use is required. A request to test HL7 2.5.1 and/or Query/Response is also required.
- 2) Enrollment Information must be kept updated and current. Updates are made from the SSV Practice Menu under Maintain Practice Information Links. Up to date Contact Information and Licensed Vaccine Provider List information is needed to provide audit verification.

VIS DATES

VIS statements are available at <http://www.immunize.org/Vis>

Check your stock of VISs against this list. If you have outdated VISs, get current versions.

Adenovirus	6/11/14	Influenza	8/7/15	Polio	7/20/16
Anthrax	3/10/10	J. enceph.	1/24/14	Rabies	10/6/09
Chickenpox	3/13/08	MCV4/MPSV4	3/31/16	Rotavirus	4/15/15
Cholera	7/6/17	MenB	8/9/16	Shingles	10/6/09
DTaP	5/17/07	MMR	4/20/12	Td	4/11/17
Hib	4/2/15	MMRV	5/21/10	Tdap	2/24/15
Hepatitis A	7/20/16	Multi-vaccine	11/5/15	Typhoid	5/29/12
Hepatitis B	7/20/16	PCV13	11/5/15	Y. fever	3/30/11
HPV	12/2/16	PPSV	4/24/15		